

Achievement Scheme Review Committee & RC Power & Silent Flight Controller
Report to BMFA Areas Council Meeting
30th January 2021

As I hoped Delegates will appreciate, things have been moving at a pace over the last few weeks, and the committee have been very busy as a direct result of the need to change all of the scheme documentation to be consistent with the Article 16 Authorisation. We learned only yesterday that CAP 658 was withdrawn on the 7th January, and as a result, scheme materials need to be changed to reflect this. A consequence, not all 2021 scheme materials have been published yet, but they should be over the next few weeks. Thankfully, lock-down means that the delay isn't likely to have any major impact. As I mentioned previously, none of this has been a trivial exercise!

The scheme has an important role to play in helping raise awareness of the Authorisation amongst members, and we have revised key aspects of the tests, most notably the questions in the **Registration Competency Certificate (RCC)** (which I hope you will recall is now the responsibility of the ASRC) and also the **Mandatory Questions** in the individual tests, to align with the authorisation. The details of all of the changes were covered in full in the last report to Full Council, and they have also been published on the website, so I won't reproduce them here.

- In addition, in order to further help raise awareness of the changes, they have been featured in the achievement scheme article in the January issue of BMFA News, which members should be receiving about now. Individual information sheets have also been emailed to all examiners.
- To further 'spread the word', the committee hosted a record-breaking 'Zoom' last Thursday (28th January) specifically covering the impact of the Authorisation on the scheme. Over 473 members registered, of which 408 attended on the night! The committee answered over 140 questions from the audience, before the session was brought to a closed after over 3hrs! which just seemed to fly by. Encouragingly, the feedback received from attendees has been excellent.
- The committee had previously provided input to the Tech. Sec. for the update of the Member's Handbook. The text is essentially an updated version of the 'Display Code' that was omitted in 2017 revision. The new text is consistent with the Article 16 Authorisation. In addition, the committee has also provided suggested text regarding range and installation checking. Following the resignation of the Tech. Sec., the committee will ensure that they liaise, and offer help and assistance, to whoever picks up the responsibility for updating and maintaining the Member's Handbook, to ensure that the text is included in future issues.
- As I hope delegates are aware, the guidance video for the Helicopter 'A' and BPC test has just been released - hope you've all had a chance to watch it. When you have, I'm sure you will agree that the production represents a significant step-up in terms of presentation, appearance and we hope, appeal to members. The committee believe it shows just what can be achieved when we engage the services of a professional. Special thanks go to Chris Bradbury (the current ASRC Chairman) for his time, effort and the use of his equipment and facilities in the production of this video. The 'B' certificate video will hopefully follow very shortly.
- With some rather nice timing, to complement the release of the Helicopter videos, David Smith (Southern Area Delegate) has offered, and is currently working on, a first draft of a Helicopter flight training manual, along the lines of the fixed wing 'A Flying Start'. The committee have thanked David for doing this, and look forward to inviting him to join us at one of our meeting in the not-too-distant future – no pressure David!

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